

**May 30, 2007**

**SOMERSET INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A Local/State public hearing was held at the Somerset Independent Board of Education on May 30, 2007, at 5:35 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Somerset Independent Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 10 for, 4 absent, 0 opposed in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 3 for, 1 absent, and 1 opposed to approve the new plan.

There were (7) individual(s) in attendance. Cloyd J. Bumgardner served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Sherry Brown (Somerset Board of Education Member), Gretchen Cole (Somerset Board of Education Member), Hobert Withers (Somerset Board of Education Member), Mark Beasley (Meece Middle School Teacher and LPC Member), Elaine Wilson (Somerset Board of Education Chair) and Wilson Sears (Somerset Independent Schools Superintendent) were present.

**COMMENTS**

Mr. Wilson Sears called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **A major renovation of Hopkins Elementary School and additional pre-school classrooms, renovation of Meece Middle School Building, construction of a physical education building at Somerset High School, renovation of the Central Office Building, construction of a new maintenance facility and roof replacement on the 1964 addition of Somerset High School.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. No community member or other interested party attended the meeting other than LPC, Somerset Board of Education members and Central Office personnel. No written testimony was submitted.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Somerset Independent Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Somerset Independent Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Somerset Independent School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Cloyd J. Bumgardner,  
Hearing Officer

Reviewed by,

Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Fac. Mgmt.

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director  
Planning File

Attachments: Local/State Board Public Hearing Agenda  
Somerset School District Facility Plan